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- 1. Scientific-Technical Bureau VVS is the new title for the former Scientific-Technical Bureau No. 16, located in Berlin-Karlshorst at Treskowallee 106. The change in designation was made only recently when the Russians awoke to the fact that the EFEM plant at Ostendstrasse 1-5 in Berlin-Oberschöneweide also was operating as STB No. 16.
- 2. STB-VVS is somewhat divided in its responsibilities. Operationally it is attached to the military administration VVS (Soviet Air Forces) at SMA Karlshorst and is subordinate, thereby, to the Administration for Combat and War Preparation of the Air Force in Moscow. Although it is independent of any other technical bureau in Germany, STB-VVS is administratively responsible to the head office for Scientific and Technical Research in Germany, which is located in Karlshorst at the same address. The chief of the latter office, Colonel MERKULOV, therefore, is STB-VVS administrative officer. "Otherwise", says source, MERKULOV is responsible to Colonel DEEMESHKEVICH of the air force staff at SMA Karlshorst.
- 3. STB-VVS is the sole Soviet Air Force bureau in Germany; others formerly operated by the Soviet Ministry for the Aviation Industry have been dissclved. It is not connected with any of the other scientific technical bureaus still operating.
- 4. Personalities at STB-VVS include the following:

BOVSHUK, Major - Aviator with little technical background.

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MISCHCHENKO, Captain - Belongs to the Air Force Technical Service (Aviotechnitsheskaya Slushba)

PANAFUTIN, Sr Lt - Mas had a technical education.

SMERKALOV, Captain Viktor Alexandrovich - An engineer and chief of STB-WS.

Optics specialist. Military representative at Zeiss-Ikon,
Dresden, for three years. Born in Tomsk. About 34 years old.

VARSHAVSKY, Captain - Belongs to the Air Force Technical Service.

5. For the current production program of air force training material, STB-VVS staffs of Karlshorst officers and Moscow specialists have been placed in the former Siebel-Werke in Schkeuditz, BAMAG in Dessau, and at the Blech-hammer and Sonneberg factories of the Thuringer Porzellanwerke Heinrich Kopp. The latter two plastics plants have produced 72,000 toy models of American aircraft types.

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